

SENATE BILL 150

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By: **Senators Hooper, Astle, Colburn, Greenip, Jacobs, and Lawlah**
Introduced and read first time: January 23, 2004
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Jury Duty - Excuse from Service - Breast-Feeding Mother**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring a judge to excuse from jury service a mother who is
4 breast-feeding a child under the age of 2 years; requiring the mother to be
5 summoned again for jury service under certain circumstances; and generally
6 relating to jury service.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings
9 Section 8-210(a)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2002 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
13 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

14 **Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

15 8-210.

16 (a) (1) (I) Any person summoned for jury service may be excused by the
17 jury judge if the person shows that undue hardship, extreme inconvenience, or public
18 necessity require his excuse, but only for the period the jury judge deems necessary.

19 (II) At the conclusion of this period the person shall be summoned
20 again for jury service under the provisions of § 8-208 of this [title] SUBTITLE.

21 (2) (I) A MOTHER WHO IS BREAST-FEEDING A CHILD UNDER THE AGE
22 OF 2 YEARS SHALL BE EXCUSED FROM JURY SERVICE BY THE JURY JUDGE.

23 (II) WHEN THE CHILD ATTAINS THE AGE OF 2 YEARS, THE MOTHER
24 SHALL BE SUMMONED AGAIN FOR JURY SERVICE UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF § 8-208
25 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

26 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
27 effect October 1, 2004.

